(7) The tax for the Kumbhom crop was remitted, as a special case, in the case of punja lands in the Mavelikara and Kartikapalli taluks on an extent of 200·34 and 465·58 acres respectively the crops on which were completely destroyed by the drought.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know whether any special concession was given for the Kanni and Kumbhom crops of 1111?

Mr. K. George: The question in the agenda relates to the drought in 1110. Is it in order, Sir, for the member to raise, the question of the relief measures undertaken in 1111?

President: No.

Engagement of private legal practitioners to conduct Sirkar cases.

204 ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Sirkar Vakils are there to conduct Sirkar cases in the High Court and in the various District and Sessions Courts in the State and what are their respective salaries;

(*b*) whether Government have appointed private practitioners as Vakils for conducting cases on their behalf; and, if so, in how many cases during 1105 to the end of Tulam 1111;

(*c*) what is the nature of each such case; and

(*d*) what was the remuneration fixed or paid to the Vakils as fee and travelling allowances for conducting each case?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*)

Name of Court.	*No. of Sirkar Vakils attached thereto.*	*Salary.*
High Court ...	2	Rs 250 each
Nagercoil District Court ...	1	Rs. 200 (not pensionable)
Trivandrum District Corut.	1 Permanent 1 Temporary	Rs. 150-10/2-200 each.
Quilon District Court ...	1 Permanent 1 Temporary	
Alleppey District Court ...	1 Permanent 1 Temporary	
Kottayam District Court ...	1 Permanent 1 Temporary	
Parur District Court ...	1 Permanent	

(*b*) Yes, in [illegible] State

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(c) & (d) *Nature of the case*	*Remuneration paid.*
Criminal.	
1. The Ariyankavu Defalcation (Forest) Cases. Sessions cases Nos. 3, 4 and 5 of 1107 on the file of the Quilon Sessions Court.	Consolidated fee of Rs. 400 without T. A.
2. Bhajan Bharatham case—Sessions Case No 21 of 1106 on the file of the Sessions Court, Trivandrum—Criminal Appeals 88 and 89 of 1106 on the file of the High Court.	Consolidated fee of Rs 2,250 in all its stages.
3. The Counterfeit Currency Note Cases—Sessions Case Nos. 50 and 51 of 1108 on the file of the Kottayam Sessions Court.	Rs. 200.
4. The Poonjar Surveyor Murder Case (Sessions Case No 24 of 1110 on the file of the Kottayam Sessions Court.)	Rs 1,000 and T. A. Rs. 144.
5. The Poonjar Surveyor Murder Case, Criminal Appeals 144/1110 and 6 of 1111 on the file of the High Court.	Rs. 500.
6. Sedition case against Mr. Kesavan. Criminal Appeal 1 of 1111 on the file of the High Court and Revision Petition filed on behalf of Government.	Rs. 2,000.
Civil.	
1. Suit to set aside Poramboke Proceedings O. S. No. 117 of 1103 on the file of the Nagercoil District Court.	Rs. 50.
2. Suit to set aside the decision of the Settlement authorities. O. S. No. 67 of 93 on the file of the Parur District Court.	Rs. 150.

Mr. M N Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Government have not got the Head Sirkar Vakil to conduct Sirkar cases ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether he is conducting any case on behalf of Government?

Rao Sahib Dr N. Kunjan Pillai: He seldom does so Generally cases are conducted by the assistants to the Head Sirkar Vakil.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Head Sirkar Vakil is bound under the agreement of appointment to conduct cases on behalf of Government in the High Court?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: When Government ask him to conduct cases he has to do it. Ordinarily he has so much other Government work to do that it is his assistants who conduct Sirkar cases

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai: When there are Assistant Sirkar Vakils, may I know why Government engage private Vakils to conduct Sirkar Cases?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Private Vakils are sometimes engaged to conduct cases not only in the High Court, but also in District Courts, and Government do so when they consider it necessary.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is it on account of the incompetency of Assistant Sirkar Vakils such a method was resorted to?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Then what is the special reason for engaging private Vakils?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: When Government could not spare the services of the Head Sirkar Vakil or his Assistants, private Vakils will have to be engaged.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether one Assistant Head Sirkar Vakil was asked to conduct a Sessions case at Quilon?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether any remuneration was given to him?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Not yet.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: When that Assistant Sirkar Vakil was available in the High Court, may I know why a private Vakil was engaged for conducting that Sessions case in the High Court?

Rao Sahib Dr. N Kunjan Pillai: Government thought it expedient to engage a special vakil for conducting that case in the High Court.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: What are those special grounds under which such a course was taken?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government considered all aspects and decided that it was desirable to engage a special vakil.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know what are the special reasons that weighed with Government for taking that line of action?

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Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I have already answered that question.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi (*Kallulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I know on what principle the Assistant Sirkar Vakil at Nagercoil was appointed?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government have changed the policy of appointing Sirkar Vakils. Till recently, Sirkar Vakils were treated as officers entitled to pension. Now, that policy has been changed and it has been decided to appoint Sirkar Vakils for a specific period on a special remuneration without any pension.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know whether all appointments will be made in that manner?

President: This question has no relevancy whatsoever to the question now before the House. The question before the House is the engagement of private legal practitioners to conduct Sirkar cases.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: In answer to parts (*c*) and (*d*) may I know who advised the Government to engage private Vakils?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: When Government consider it necessary to do so, they consult the Head Sirkar Vakil.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know who takes the initiative in the matter of advice?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: When Government consider it necessary to engage a special prosecutor, they sometimes consult the Head Sirkar Vakil. At other times, even without consulting the Head Sirkar Vakil, if the Government are convinced of the necessity for engaging a special prosecutor they do so.

Remission of land-tax in Tovala and Agastisvaram.

205. * **Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai**: (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the remission of land-tax to the extent of 50 per cent. for the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram for the Kumbhom crop of 1110 applies to all kinds of lands;

(*b*) whether any exception has been made;

(*c*) if so, what are the lands exempted; and

(*d*) the reasons for such exemption?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) No. The remission of 50 per cent applies only to all *ayacut* wet lands and post-settlement tank-bed registries in those taluks.

(*b*) Yes.

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